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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 07, 2022 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 361.

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Zoom Meeting Link:

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AND WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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Written comments can be submitted to be included as part of the administrative record, they will not be read during the meeting. All comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the day of the noticed meeting and can be submitted to the City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370 or via email to administration@sonoraca.org.

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Garaventa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Hawkins

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Plummer

Council member Ann Segerstrom

Council member Colette Such

Council member Jim Garaventa

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

The agenda was posted on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 3:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Item #7 was moved to the beginning of New Business.

The agenda was approved with adjustment.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a Tuolumne County update from District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg

District 1 Supervisor David Goldemberg gave an update on recent COVID-19 statistics, the Fire Safety Advisory Committee developing a Vegetation Ordinance, and the upcoming Board of Supervisors events.

Councilmembers discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a five (5) minute presentation.

A member of the public representing the Sonora Chamber of Commerce informed the Council on the results of a survey on the Sonora Christmas Town.

A member of the public commented in disapproval of their experience with a Public Records Act Request.

A member of the public commented suggested focusing on the history of Sonora in regards to Social Equity.

City Attorney Douglas White provided legal counsel regarding a public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be voted on in one motion unless a Council member or member of the public has a question or wishes to discuss an item. In that case, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

Councilmembers discussed.

No public comments.

Motion made by Council member Garaventa, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plummer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Plummer, Council member Segerstrom, Council member Such, Council member Garaventa.

2. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$154,381.93 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay and other adjustments, including retro-pay.
3. The Sonora Fire Department electronically submitted a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). The City Administrator and/or Fire Chief is requesting to authorize and direct the Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the awards if successful.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 02-07-2022-A approving the Memorandum of Understanding for the Sonora Management Employees' Association (SMEA) effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 and authorize the Mayor to sign agreement.

City Attorney Douglas White presented this item to the Council.

Councilmembers discussed.

Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky further detailed this item.

Fire Chief Aimee New gave input on staff evaluations.

No public comments.

Resolution was approved with adjustment to grammar and language.

Motion made by Council member Garaventa, Seconded by Council member Such.

Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Plummer, Council member Segerstrom, Council member Such, Council member Garaventa.

5. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 02-07-2022-B approving the employee salary schedules for the Sonora Management Employees' Association as part of the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding.

City Attorney Douglas White presented this item to the Council.

Councilmembers discussed.

No public comments.

**Motion made by Council member Garaventa, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plummer.
Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Plummer, Council member Segerstrom, Council member Such, Council member Garaventa.**

6. Authorize the Sonora Fire Department to electronically submit Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant, authorize the City Administrator and/or Fire Chief to execute all documents relating to the grant applications, and direct the Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the awards.

Fire Chief Aimee New presented and detailed this item to the Council.

A member of the public representing the County of Tuolumne commented in support of the item.

Councilmembers discussed.

**Motion made by Council member Segerstrom, Seconded by Council member Garaventa.
Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Plummer, Council member Segerstrom, Council member Such, Council member Garaventa.**

7. Consider the assignment of the Mayor's appointment to the County-wide Homeless Taskforce.

Councilmembers discussed.

Police Chief Turu VanderWiel accepted his appointment to the County-wide Homeless Taskforce.

Multiple members of the public commented in support of the appointed member of City Staff.

A member of the public representing the County-wide Homeless Taskforce specified the representation of the appointed member.

**Motion made by Council member Garaventa, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plummer.
Voting Yea: Mayor Hawkins, Mayor Pro Tem Plummer, Council member Segerstrom, Council member Such, Council member Garaventa.**

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Aimee New updated the Council on the recent passing of a member of the Fire Department.

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg updated the Council on the City's Sign Ordinance update.

City Attorney Douglas White updated the Council on the pandemic requirements.

Interim City Administrator Melissa Eads recognized multiple staff members for their work.

Councilmember Segerstrom attended the Central Sierra Economic Development District Meeting and the National Integrated Drought Information System Climate Overview.

Councilmember Such attended the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness Outdoor Shelter Ad Hoc Committee, the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness CDBG Grant Meeting, the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness Navigation Center Committee, the Point-in-Time

(PIT) Count Training, the Social Equity Committee (SEC) Meeting, the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sonora (OBSARA) Meeting, the ATCAA Internal Affairs Committee, and a Granicus Webinar on Short-Term Rentals and ADA Requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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